

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—In this connection, I do not remember to have talked to any man. I do not know whether he is a Congressman, much less a Congressman so far as Belgaum district is concerned. I have got a map also. I can show to Hon'ble friends here that Mastimaldi is four miles and one furlong away from Akarward. Therefore no Congressman has sought to influence me. ♦

Sri B. D. JATTI.—On the contrary, it was the M.E.S. members who came and approached me.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—We have approached the Hon'ble Minister in charge as well as the Chief Minister for justice. But we have found that in spite of the recommendations from below and the wishes of the people, the Chief Minister as well as the Minister in charge were pleased to accept the recommendations of a four-anna walla Congressman ignoring all those people!

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Sir, I have understood the question. There is no question of a four-anna walla or a two-anna walla. There was the question of only whether we should allow the recommendation of the officers which was arrived after consultation with the local M.L.A.s and M.L.C.s, which I know are got on linguistic considerations. I was not prepared to accept it.

(Interruption)

It was done purely on two grounds ; nearness of the place is one and secondly, we wanted both Kannada people and Marathi people to live together, and not to be separated for all time. It was a preliminary notification and we have stuck to it.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that the recommendation was based on linguistic consideration. May I know from the Hon'ble Minister whether the Kannada, M.L.A.s and M.L.C.s unanimously recommended that Halage should be separated? Were they not a party to the recommendation?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I do not know it. But some Kannada M.L.A.s

and M.L.C.s came and told me that it should not be done so. Apart from their opinion, I was guided by the requirements of the local conditions for bifurcation.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—In the meeting that was convened by the Deputy Commissioner, of the M.L.A.s and MLCs of the district, is it not a fact that all of them unanimously, even the Kannada M.L.A.s and M.L.C.s, made a recommendation that Halage should be made a separate Panchayat?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I do not know who were all present and who were not present. I am aware that a recommendation was sent by the Divisional Commissioner that Halage may be made into a separate Panchayat, which I did not accept.

Steps to Make Hubli-Sholapur Road an All Weather Road.

*Q.—491. **Sri R. M. PATIL** (Navalgund).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they intend to take steps forthwith to make Hubli-Sholapur Road an all weather road by raising the level of bridges on Benninala near Navalgund and Mallaprabha near konnur?

A.—**Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA** (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

Yes; raising of the causeways near Navalgund and near Konnur will be considered according to the availability of funds and relative priorities.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—May I know when the consideration will be over?

†**Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.**—The whole project is under execution and a number of works have been taken up on the Hubli-Sholapur Road, and it is to bring it to a high-way level.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—If it is under execution, why should we say that it is under consideration?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—In the matter of these two projects, we have

not given the priority that the Hon'ble Member seeks. We have given higher priority to other works. Hence one of them has been included in the Third Five Year Plan.

MR. SPEAKER.—Which is that?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—The project work near Konnur.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Is it decided?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—It is included in the Third Five Year Plan.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—May I know whether it is decided as yet or not?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I submit that a draft plan is a draft plan until it is finalised. I shall be very happy if it is included in the Third Plan.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Sir, I did not follow.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—A draft is a draft plan. At the time when it is finalised, Government will do as much as possible to include and if it is included, I shall be happy along with you.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Arrest of three M.Ps. at Idalhond in Khanapur Taluk in connection with "No-tax" Campaign.

*Q.—8. **Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR** (Belgaum).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that Barrister Nath Pai, M. P., along with two others, Shri Ram Apte and Shri B. B. Sayanak both lawyers, were arrested at Idalhond in Khanapur Taluk while offering Satyagraha in respect of "No-tax" campaign on 2nd March 1960;

(b) whether they are aware that the said persons are at present undertrial prisoners in Hindalga Central Prison;

(c) whether it is a fact that they are not given proper treatment and necessary facilities in Hindalga Prison and that they are not supplied with any other Marathi Newspaper except "Lokasatta";

(d) whether it is a fact that they are locked up in the barrack from

5-30 P.M. to 6-30 A.M. and that criminal convicts are kept on the guard;

(e) whether it is not a fact that letters addressed to Shri Nath Pai are delivered inordinately late in the Hindalga Prison?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) They are given proper treatment and necessary facilities according to the Jail rules for under-trial prisoners. According to the said rules they are given one Marathi Newspaper and one English Newspaper.

(d) They are locked up in the barracks at about 6-45 P.M. and are unlocked at about 6 A.M. according to the rules in the Jail Manual applicable to all prisoners. It is not a fact that criminal convicts are kept on guard.

(e) Letters addressed to Shri Nath Pai are delivered on the same day they are received.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know whether it is not a fact that Mr. Hoffland, Deputy Superintendent, M.S.R.P., and his colleagues ill-treated them, pounced upon Mr. Nath Pai, used abusive language and behaved insolently and in an insulting manner?

†**Sri B. D. JATTI.**—These are complaints which are created by the Hon'ble Member. The man who has suffered has never complained to the authorities.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know whether Mr. Nath Pai, as a member of the Parliament, has written a letter to the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, complaining about these things, and has forwarded it to the Home authorities?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It is not known to me if he has written a letter to the Prime Minister. Perhaps the Central Government knows it.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—Is it not a fact that Sri Nath Pai was made to walk in the hot sun, taken from the bus-stand to the Court in Khanapur, paraded through the streets in Police guard deliberately in order to humiliate him?